

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 2000-294-T - ORDER NO. 2002-14

JANUARY 10, 2002

IN RE: Application of Grand Strand Moving & Storage, LLC, 141 Cox's Ferry Road, Conway, SC 29526 for a Class E Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. ) ORDER GRANTING ✓  
 ) CLASS E CERTIFICATE  
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This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Application of Grand Strand Moving & Storage, LLC (Grand Strand or the Company), 141 Cox's Ferry Road, Conway, SC 29526 for a Class E Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to transport household goods as follows:

Household Goods, As Defined in R. 103-210(1):  
Between points and places in South Carolina.

The scope of the Application was later downwardly amended to :

Household Goods, As Defined in R. 103-210(1):  
Between points and places in Horry, Georgetown, and Marion Counties.

The Commission's Executive Director instructed Grand Strand to publish a Notice of Filing in a newspaper of general circulation in the service area desired. The Notice of Filing instructed the public as to how to file pleadings to participate in the proceedings on the Application. No Protests or Petitions to Intervene were received.

Accordingly, a hearing was held on December 5, 2001 at 2:30 PM in the offices of the Commission. The Honorable William Saunders, Chairman, presided. The Company was represented by Randolph R. Lowell, Esquire and John M.S. Hoefer,

Esquire. The Company presented the testimony of Michael Anderson. The Commission Staff was represented by F. David Butler, General Counsel. The Staff presented no witnesses.

Pursuant to the provisions of Order No. 1999-654, which allows waiver of the shipper witness requirement of Regulation 103-133(1) to prove the public convenience and necessity requirement when the Applicant desires authority in three or fewer counties, we hereby waive the shipper witness requirement.

Michael Anderson of Grand Strand testified on behalf of the Company. Anderson noted that the Company is presently making interstate moves, and has six pieces of equipment for moving purposes. He has insurance on these vehicles. Anderson notes that the Company is currently profitable, and that the Company has eight employees, three employees possessing Commercial Drivers Licenses. Anderson further noted that he has been working in the moving and storage business since 1976 in almost every possible capacity. He has worked with the family-owned company of Anderson Transfer. He states that the Company has no judgments against it, and has received no tickets from the Commission's inspectors for any violations. Anderson further notes that there is a public need for the Company's services in the growing Horry, Georgetown, and Marion County areas, and that the influx of retirees especially means an increased need for carriers of household goods.

S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-23-590(C )(Supp. 2000) states that the Commission shall issue a common carrier certificate of public convenience and necessity if the applicant proves to the Commission that: (1) it is fit, willing, and able to properly

perform the proposed service and comply with the provisions of this chapter and the Commission's regulations and (2) the proposed service, to the extent to be authorized by the certificate or permit, is required by the present public convenience and necessity.

Upon consideration of this matter, we find that Grand Strand has demonstrated that it is fit, willing, and able to perform the services sought by its amended Application. The testimony of Anderson reveals that Grand Strand is fit, willing, and able under the standards contained in the relevant statute and in 26 S.C. Regs. 103-133. Further, we find that the testimony of Anderson indicates that the proposed service is required by the present public convenience and necessity.

Based upon the record before the Commission and the statutory requirements along with the guidelines contained in the Commission's regulations, we find sufficient evidence to grant the amended application and therefore grant authority to Grand Strand Moving & Storage, LLC for a Class E Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the movement of household goods between points and places in Horry, Georgetown, and Marion Counties. This grant of authority is contingent upon compliance with all Commission regulations as outlined below.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The Application of Grand Strand Moving & Storage, LLC for a Class E Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity be, and hereby is, approved for authority to transport household goods between points and places in Horry, Georgetown, and Marion Counties.

2. Grand Strand Moving & Storage, LLC shall file the proper license fees and other information required by S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-23-10 et seq. (1976), as amended, and by R.103-100 through R.103-241 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations for Motor Carriers, S.C. Code Ann. Vol. 26 (1976), as amended, and R.38-400 through 38-503 of the Department of Public Safety's Rules and Regulations for Motor Carriers, S.C. Code Ann. Vol. 23A (1976), as amended, within sixty (60) days of the date of this Order, or within such additional time as may be authorized by the Commission.

3. Upon compliance with S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-23-10, et seq. (1976), as amended, and the applicable Regulations for Motor Carriers, S.C. Code Ann., Vol. 26 (1976), as amended, a Certificate shall be issued to Grand Strand Moving & Storage, LLC authorizing the motor carrier services granted herein.

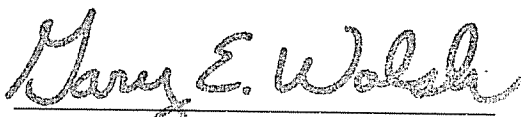
4. Prior to compliance with the above referenced requirements and receipt of a Certificate, the motor carrier services authorized herein may not be provided.

5. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director  
(SEAL)